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In re Patent Application of:
Howard E. Rhodes

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Art Unit: 2814

For: ANGLED PINNED PHOTODIODE FOR
HIGH QUANTUM EFFICIENCY AND
METHOD OF FORMATION

Examiner: N. V. Ngo

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Director is authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 04-1073, under Order No. M4065.0643/P643. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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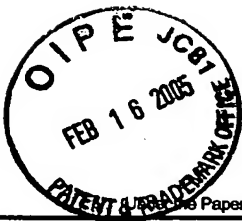
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Dear Sir:

In reviewing the above-captioned application file, Applicant has noted that Applicants' Form PTO/SB/08A, which accompanied an Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 12, 2005, has not yet been initialed by the Examiner. In addition, a copy of the initialed Form PTO-SB/08A was not included with the Notice of Allowance mailed on January 13, 2005.

Applicant attaches a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 12, 2005 (with corresponding date-stamped postcard indicating the filing date of January 12, 2005). The Examiner is therefore requested to kindly return the initialed form to the undersigned as soon as possible.

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